



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - November 5, 2003**

- ***In the West***, scattered snow showers linger across the ***Intermountain region***, while cool, dry weather prevails elsewhere. ***Northwestern*** winter wheat development remains stalled by below-normal temperatures.
- ***On the Plains***, bitterly cold weather prevails across ***northern portions of the region***, while light snow lingers farther south, mainly in ***Nebraska***. This morning's low temperatures in winter wheat areas of ***Montana*** and ***western South Dakota*** generally ranged from -15 to 10 degrees F, although a shallow to moderate snow cover is providing the poorly established crop with some insulation. Meanwhile on the ***southern Plains***, cool, dry conditions favor summer crop harvesting but continue to hamper wheat establishment.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, showers and thunderstorms are slowing corn and soybean harvesting from the ***middle Mississippi Valley to the lower Great Lakes region***. Meanwhile across the ***northern and western Corn Belt***, cold, soggy conditions are also slowing autumn fieldwork.
- ***In the South***, humid, showery conditions are slowing fieldwork, including winter wheat planting and cotton and soybean harvesting, in the ***middle and southern Atlantic Coast States***, but warm, dry weather continues to promote wheat planting and final summer crop harvesting from the ***Delta westward***.

**Outlook:** A slow-moving cold front will provide the focus for significant rainfall through Thursday across the ***East Coast States, central and southern Appalachians, northern Delta, and parts of Texas***. Following the front's passage, below-normal temperatures will replace unseasonably warm weather in the ***East***. Meanwhile in the ***Midwest***, drier weather will accompany below-normal temperatures. Farther west, wet weather will return to ***northern and central California*** by week's end. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 10-14 calls for above-normal precipitation across the ***South***, while drier-than-normal conditions will prevail from the ***Pacific Northwest to the upper Midwest***. Unseasonable warmth is forecast across the ***South***, while below-normal temperatures are expected in the ***West*** and ***northern New England***.

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